

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, middle-income families are the backbone of our economy, and that is why we should not wait any longer to vote on extending tax cuts for middle-income families. Extension of these taxes have been held hostage by the discussion of whether to extend the rates for the wealthiest Americans.

Ninety-eight percent of Americans face a tax increase January 1. For the typical middle-income American family, that would be the loss of \$2,000 a

year. The Republican demands would mean that those making more than a million dollars a year would receive an average of \$100,000 annually, and the middle-income would be saddled with the \$700 billion in new debt to pay for the multimillion-dollar tax cut for billionaires.

The billionaires' lifestyles will not change, and no significant jobs will be created. If they were going to be, they would be now.

I am committed to continuing tax cuts for middle-income families on incomes up to \$250,000.

Mr. Speaker, I favor jobs. Tax cuts for the rich will change nothing, but it will increase the deficit.

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PROVIDING FDIC PROTECTION FOR IOLTAS

(Mr. SARBANES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 6398, which I was proud to cosponsor with my colleague, Congressman DOGGETT. This important measure will ensure that lawyer trust accounts, the interest income from which goes to support legal services programs across this country, will be fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, therefore providing to the providers of these programs an important assurance that going forward this source of funding will be protected.

For almost 20 years before I came to this body, I had the privilege of working with some of the finest legal services providers in the State of Maryland. And I want to thank them for the work they do every day to provide assistance to those underserved in our community. Every opportunity we get to support their work we should seize upon. And that's what we do with this measure. I thank my colleagues for their support of H.R. 6398.

PASS THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, we all know the sad news of the expiration of

unemployment benefits. And we feel very strongly about ensuring that the American people who are struggling are able to have their needs met. We also feel strongly that it must be paid for. We also feel very strongly, Mr. Speaker, that the focus should be on job creation and economic growth.

We have three pending trade agreements with Panama, Colombia, and South Korea, which not only would have far-reaching economic impacts on the United States of America, but at the same time it would have a very, very important geopolitical impact. And it seems to me that as we look at creating good manufacturing jobs for union and nonunion workers in the United States, at companies like Caterpillar, John Deere, Whirlpool, other union companies, that the single best thing to do for those workers and potential union and nonunion workers is to open up markets where there are 40 million consumers in Colombia.

The single largest bilateral free trade agreement in the history of the world would be the U.S.-Korea free trade agreement. And so, Mr. Speaker, I would like to join, and I know there is bipartisan support for this, in encouraging the administration to send up those agreements so that we can focus on what it is the American people want us to do, and that is create good manufacturing jobs right here in the United States.

TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN JAMES L. OBERSTAR

(Mr. GARAMENDI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I am struck by the comments of my colleague from California and his desire to build jobs here in America. My comments today are really directed towards the chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Mr. OBERSTAR, who will be leaving this House at the end of this year, an extraordinary individual who over his 40 years in this House has led the way for good American union jobs in the construction industry.

Unfortunately, when it came time in the stimulus bill, not one Republican voted for the stimulus bill that created 1.5 million union jobs in the construction industry. Unfortunately, that was the case. You can't have it both ways, I suppose. Mr. OBERSTAR has led the way time and time again for worker safety, to make sure that Americans had the transportation, the infrastructure that they needed.

I have had the great pleasure of working with him and learning from him. I am sure I join with every colleague in this House, Democrat and Republican, to say that we will miss him deeply, and his leadership will be lost upon us.

IN MEMORY OF BOB ABBOTT

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I come to memorialize Bob Abbott, a young man who saw the future in terms of technology and who worked on inventing the digital ways of communicating. He was a researcher who looked around the world and saw what was needed in terms of computers. And he helped the team in Silicon Valley solve some of those problems. He died about a month ago.

He would be appalled to know that all of his hard work to bring communications together would leave out those who are unemployed. As you know, 39 percent say that not eliminating the tax cuts for those earning more than \$250,000 a year would be a travesty. Bob worked so hard to address these issues through his computer communications. We have to be sure that those people who have worked so diligently in manufacturing and in other areas of technology are taken care of when they lose their jobs.

In memory of a young man who worked so hard to bring communication skills to all Americans, I say to him we will make a move to see that the unemployed have work in your memory.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 101, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2011

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1741 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1741

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 101) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Colorado is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

I yield myself such time as I consume.